



What is Family Readiness?

Per MCO 1754.6A, "Family readiness is defined as families who are prepared and equipped with the skills and tools to successfully meet the challenges of the military lifestyle. Family readiness directly affects the fundamental purpose of the Marine Corps to make Marines and win battles by building commitment and raising morale, thereby increasing unit readiness."

Who is considered my "Family"?

Today's Marine Corps Family Readiness defines family as "the family you were born into, sworn into and married into." This definition includes spouses, parents, siblings, children, extended family members and friends.

Command Team Leadership Key Players:

Commanding Officer:	LtCol Anthony Ference
Executive Officer:	Maj Terrance Henry
Sergeant Major:	SgtMaj William Grigsby
Chaplain	LT Evan Adams, USN
Family Readiness Officer	Mrs. Jill Buria
Family Readiness Advisor	Mrs. Kathy Steindl
Family Readiness Assistant	Mrs. Charlise Pongtornwatchakorn

What is a Family Readiness Officer (FRO)?

The FRO establishes two-way communication between the families of the unit and the command. He or she actively manages, coordinates, and promotes all matters pertaining to unit family readiness, serves as the military point of contact concerning unit family readiness issues and family readiness events.

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What is a Family Readiness Advisor?

A volunteer whom advises the Family Readiness Command Team based on his or her experience in the unit or other units. He or she proactively supports initiatives and functions and embodies CO's Family Readiness goals.

Family Readiness Assistant?

The role of the assistant is to support the FRO and Unit Family Readiness Program and to provide feedback from unit families. They assist with information and referral services and welcome unit families.

Moral Support Volunteer:

As a moral support volunteer, individuals assist the FRO with unit moral support events and assist for only a brief period such as a welcome back from a deployment.

"Marines take care of their own-period. This enduring pledge between Marines is never more sacred than during time of war. Just as every Marine makes a commitment to the Corps when they earn the title Marines, the Corps makes an enduring commitment to every Marine and an enduring commitment to their family." - **General Conway, 34th CMC Planning Guidance**